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Amendments to the Claims:

No claims are amended, and thus the following listing of claims is provided as a courtesy:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Previously Presented) A method for auditing forms, the method

comprising:

issuing a request to provide a form identifier that is associated with a form:

receiving the identifier at a host computer; and

verifying with the host computer whether the identifier is a valid identifier for the

form being used.

2. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 1, wherein the request is

issued from a terminal having a processor that is in communication with the host computer, and

further comprising logging an error if the identifier is not valid.

3. (Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the request is sent from the

host computer to the terminal.

(Original) A method as in claim 1, where the request is issued from a

customer service operator over a phone.

(Original) A method as in claim 2, wherein the identifier is received at the

host computer from the terminal.

(Original) A method as in claim 1, wherein the host computer includes an 6.

associated database, and wherein the identifier is verified by comparing the identifier with a list

of valid identifiers in the database.

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- (Original) A method as in claim 1, further comprising determining whether an appropriate form has already been ordered.
- (Original) A method as in claim 7, wherein if an appropriate form has not been ordered, placing an order for an appropriate form.
- (Original) A method as in claim 8, further comprising evaluating whether the ordered form is received by a user.
- (Original) A method as in claim 9, further comprising transmitting an identifier for a replacement form to the host computer.
 - 11. (Original) A forms auditing system, comprising:

a host computer; and

a database associated with the host computer, the database having a record of a set of forms and a valid identifier for each of the forms:

wherein the host computer is configured to receive an identifier in response to a request to audit a form, and to verify whether the identifier is a valid identifier for the audited form by comparing the identifier with the identifiers in the database, and to produce a record in the database of the comparison.

- 12. (Original) A system as in claim 11, further comprising a terminal having a processor, wherein the terminal is configured to receive the identifier of the form being audited and to electronically send the identifier to the host computer.
- 13. (Original) A system as in claim 12, wherein the terminal is configured to produce an audit screen having a region for inputting the identifier.

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14. (Original) A system as in claim 13, wherein the terminal is configured to produce the audit screen based on information sent to the terminal from the host computer.

- 15. (Original) A system as in claim 11, wherein the host computer is configured to generate in error report if the identifier of the form being audited is not valid.
 - 16. (Previously Presented) A forms auditing system, comprising:
 - a form identifier that is associated with a form;
 - a host computer; and

a database associated with the host computer, the database having a record of a set of forms and a valid form identifier for each of the forms;

wherein the host computer is configured to receive the form identifier in response to a request to audit a form, and to verify whether the form identifier is a valid form identifier for the form to be audited by comparing the form identifier with the valid form identifiers in the database, and to produce a record in the database of the comparison.